

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13, 16, and 19 remain in the application. Claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18 and 20 have been cancelled.

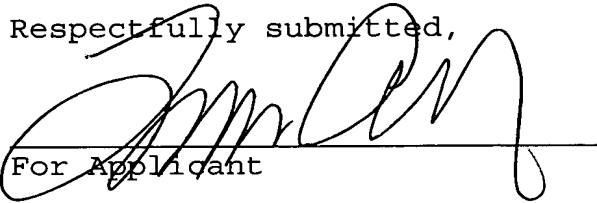
In item 3 on pages 2-4 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 12-13, 15 and 19 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Sheller (US Pat. No. 5,422,083) in view of Aggen et al. (US Pat. No. 4,414,023) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In item 4 on pages 4-5 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 16 and 18 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Sheller in view of Aggen et al. and further in view of Sato et al. (European Publication No. 0 497 992 A1) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

A Notice of Appeal has been filed with regard to claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13, 16 and 19. Claims 8-9, 12, 15 and 18 have been cancelled.

The entry of the amendment is requested as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search. In response to the final Office action, no claim has been amended and only claims 8-9, 12, 15 and 18 have been cancelled.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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